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June 30, 2008

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Chief Executive Officer

## STRATEGIC PLAN FOR REGIONALIZATION OF AIR SERVICE

On October 30, 2007, this Office replied to your Board's request to evaluate whether Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) was in compliance with the Los Angeles International Airport (LAX) Master Plan Settlement Agreement regarding the regionalization of air service. In our response, we indicated that LAWA was not in compliance with a provision requiring the development of Regional Strategic Plan (RSP) initiatives to encourage expanded passenger and cargo use of Ontario and Palmdale airports. The first initiative was due on December 31, 2006.

On November 29, 2007, we sent LAWA's Executive Director a letter requesting a formal response on this pending provision from the Settlement Agreement. After contacting LAWA staff several times, our Office sent a second letter to the Executive Director on March 11, 2008. Finally, on June 9, 2008, our Office received a document titled, "Airport Regional Strategic Plan, November 2007," submitted by LAWA in order to comply with the Settlement Agreement. According to LAWA, it discusses LAWA's "efforts to coordinate and connect planning and policies at LAWA airports to support regional goals for air service."

However, on June 11, 2008, a Deputy Executive Director of LAWA called our Office to request withdrawal of the RSP. It has come to our attention that members of the City of Los Angeles City Council requested the RSP be withdrawn to allow for the Council and Board of Airport Commissioners to obtain public comment and input, as well as make sure the document is updated and meaningful. We concur with this approach, but believe it should have been pursued far earlier. We will continue to request that LAWA prioritize completion of a thorough RSP, monitor and participate in any upcoming public meetings, and keep your Board updated and apprised of any major developments as appropriate.

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Please let me know if you have any questions or your staff may contact Jerry Ramirez at 213.974.4282.

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